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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.